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SUBJECT: FINNAIR REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC RIGHTS IN SAN
FRANCISCO AND SEATTLE

1. DEPT CALLED IN FINNISH MINISTER COUNSELOR TANNER
MARCH 9 TO DELIVER RESPONSE TO FINNISH NOTE OF JULY 16,
1976 REQUESTING WEST COAST RIGHTS FOR FINNAIR. US REPLY
STATES THAT PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION REVEALED
NO ECONOMIC BASIS FOR APPROVAL AT THIS TIME, AND THAT
FURTHER PROCEDURAL STEPS WITH REGARD TO APPLICATION
HAVE ACCORDINGLY BEEN DEFERRED.

2. IN DELIVERING NOTE, DEPT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--OUR REVIEW FOCUSED WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ON THE
FIFTH AND SIXTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC BEING CARRIED BY FINNAIR
OUT OF NEW YORK.

--CAB TRAFFIC DATA INDICATES THAT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS,
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TOO LARGE A PERCENTAGE OF FINNAIR'S SEATS CARRIED TRAFFIC
BETWEEN NEW YORK AND AMSTERDAM OR COPENHAGEN. FURTHERMORE,
SUBSTANTIAL AIR TRAFFIC TO HELSINKI MOVES BEYOND THAT CITY
TO LENINGRAD.

--THE AMOUNT OF THIS FIFTH AND SIXTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC
APPEARS TO EXCEED THAT ENVISAGED BY OUR AIR TRANSPORT

AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO FOSTER AIR SERVICE BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES.

--THOUGH WE ARE NOT RAISING THIS AS A ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME, THE SUBJECT WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE COURSE OF ANY FUTURE CIVIL AIR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FINLAND.

--IN VIEW OF THIS, AND AS THERE APPEARS TO BE NO POSSIBILITY OF APPROVAL OF THE PENDING APPLICATION, THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FINNAIR REQUEST.

3. EMBASSY MAY USE POINTS IN PARA 2 ABOVE IN RESPONDING TO ANY GOF INQUIRIES.

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